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TAGS: OVIP (APPLEGATE, JOHN F.), ETEL, RO

SUBJECT: VISIT OF POSTAL OFFICIAL

1. ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL FOR CUSTOMER SERVICES

JOHN F. APPLEGATE, AND WIFE PHYLLIS, WILL ARRIVE IN
BUCHAREST AT 1500 THURSDAY, AUGUST 19 ON PANAM 66Y FOR
FIVE-DAY VISIT AT INVITATION OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION
AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

2. APPLEGATE IS COMING TO DISCUSS PARCEL POST AND MONEY
ORDER AGREEMENTS, COMMEMORATIVE STAMP, POSTAL OPERATIONS
AND MARKETING, AND PHILATELIC MATTERS. APPLEGATE IS NOT
RPT NOT AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ANY AGREEMENTS DURING VISIT.
HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INSIST ON INCLUSION OF PUERTO
RICO CLAUSE IN PARCEL POST AGREEMENT.

3. MINISTRY WILL MEET APPLEGATES AT OTOPENI AND HAS
ARRANGED LODGINGS AT ATHENEE PALACE. APPLEGATE WILL
CONTACT EMBASSY UPON ARRIVAL IN BUCHAREST. EMBASSY
REQUESTED TO FURNISH APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

4. FYI: STOCK OF USPS INFORMS US APPLEGATE EQUIVALENT
IN RANK TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OR OFFICE DIRECTOR.
VISIT EXPECTED TO FOCUS LARGELY ON PHILATELIC MATTERS AND
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BETWEEN US AND ROMANIAN POSTAL SERVICES. KISSINGER

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